

SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification starting at line 3 of page 23 as follows:

On the other hand, the light guide is arranged so that the distance between the resonator end surface portions of the light guide and the step difference S of the groove G (d_1 and d_2 , respectively) become greater than the distance between the portion of the light guide not including the resonator end surfaces and the step difference $\{s\}$ of the groove G , distance X in Figure 4A. For example, in the configuration shown in Fig. 4A, the groove G is not formed in the vicinity of the resonator end surface portions of the light guide P , i.e. $d_1, d_2 > X$.